

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652:N/A  
TAGS: EFIN, BE, EC  
SUBJ: REFLATION OF THE BELGIAN ECONOMY

1. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 9 WITH MINFINANCE INTERNATIONAL  
COUNSELOR JACQUES VAN YPERSELE, EMBASSY OFFICERS REFERRED  
TO CURRENT OECD AND EC EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A STRATEGY FOR  
COORDINATED RECOVERY AND ASKED WHAT BELGIUM MAY DO IN THIS  
REGARD.

2. VAN YPERSELE SAID THAT IN ITS CURRENT "ANTI-CRISIS"  
NEGOTIATIONS (SEE BRUSSELS 11342) AND FRAMING OF THE  
1979 BUDGET, THE GOB IS ENGAGED IN A "VERY DELICATE" EFFORT  
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TO SHIFT POLICY TOWARDS LONG-TERM REDUCTION OF THE  
OPERATING BUDGET DEFICIT THROUGH STRUCTURAL REFORM WHILE  
AT THE SAME TIME TRYING TO DO ITS PART TOWARDS CONTRIBUTING  
TO EUROPEAN REFLATION THROUGH FISCAL STIMULUS. WHILE  
VAN YPERSELE WAS NOT SPECIFIC, HE THUS EXPECTS THAT IN  
COMING WEEKS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BALANCE ITS ATTEMPTS TO  
REDUCE TRANSFER PROGRAMS WITH PROPOSALS FOR TAX RELIEF FOR

BUSINESS (PROBABLY INCLUDING LONG-DELAYED ABOLISHMENT OF  
THE FIVE PERCENT VAT ON INVESTMENT GOODS) AND FURTHER  
INCREASES IN PUBLIC WORKS. CHAMBERS

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